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*Village of Almont*  
817 North Main Street  
Almont, Michigan 48003

**Village Council:**  
Steve Schneider, President  
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem  
Richard Lauer  
Dave Love  
Gary Peltier  
Richard Tobias  
Thomas Umphenour

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 2, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Schneider, Umphenour

Councilmembers Absent: None

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| Staff Present: | Village Manager | Oliver Turner    |
|                | Clerk/Treasurer | Kimberly Keesler |
|                | Police Chief    | Pat Nael         |

Guests Present: Doug Piggott, ROWE Professional Services  
Chad Leyman, Lojko family member

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with an addition to be placed at the beginning of the regular agenda to consider a request for a car show.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Public Hearing Minutes, June 18, 2013
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2013
3. Warrant #13-07-A Check #31647 – 31671

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Car Show**

Chad Leyman, cousin of Nathon Lojko, made a request for Council to not object to a car show benefit in memoriam of Nathon Lojko to be held in the parking lot of the Kommunity Kracker Barrel and potentially portions of North Bristol Street, on July 14th.



Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to express no objections to the requested car show event and to authorize the Almont Police Department to use its best discretion and judgment to close off portions of North Bristol to accommodate additional cars, if needed.

Council directed Manager Turner to contact the First Congregational Church for the possible use of their parking lot for the car show and to notify residents living on North Bristol of the event and the possible closure of the street.

## **2. Zoning Ordinance Update**

Manager Turner made a presentation regarding the need to update the Village's zoning ordinance and introduced Doug Piggott, who answered questions from Council. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the quote from ROWE for the updating of the Village zoning ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$13,650.

## **3. Ordinance No. 187 – Medical Marijuana Ordinance**

Discussion was held regarding recent State of Michigan court rulings and House Bill No. 4271. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to extend the Moratorium through October 31, 2013 to provide time to conduct research connected to the adoption of an ordinance regulating dispensaries.

## **4. P & L Salvage – License Renewal**

Councilmember Tobias moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve a renewed junk yard license for P & L Salvage to last through June 1, 2014, contingent upon the receipt of payment from the owner.

## **5. First Right of Refusal on Foreclosed Properties**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented Council with options regarding a tax-foreclosed property in the Village and informed Council that staff is awaiting a legal opinion regarding the purpose for which the Village could use the property if it chose to purchase the property.

It was the consensus of Council to table the item until more information was received.

## **6. Tentative Agreement – POAM Contract**

Manager Turner presented the tentative agreement reached with POAM to Council. Discussion was held.



Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to ratify the tentative agreement for the POAM contract and to approve the signing of the contract when it is prepared with the changes outlined within the tentative agreement.

## **7. Tentative Agreement – TPOAM Contract**

Manager Turner presented the tentative agreement reached with TPOAM to Council. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to ratify the tentative agreement for the TPOAM contract, to approve the signing of the contract when it is prepared with the changes outlined within the tentative agreement, and to issue performance bonuses to the office staff as outlined within the agenda.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **1. DDA Director's Report**

Discussion was held regarding the fraudulent property maintenance code notices posted on businesses in the downtown area.

### **2. Warrant Items**

## **COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT**

Councilmember Peltier commended Mr. Turner on negotiating the union contracts and further commended all of the employees of the Village for their continued contributions to the community.

Councilmember Love asked Manager Turner to investigate a car on E. Washington that is parked on the grass for sale.

Councilmember Lauer and President Schneider reiterated Councilmember Peltier's opinion of Manager Turner's performance during union negotiations and the contributions made by the Village's employees.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Kimberly J. Keesler  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Steve Schneider  
President

Approved Date: July 16, 2013, as corrected

